(d) whether any fund is being given to States by the Central Government for implementation of this project; and

(e) if so, the deails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) The Department of Road Transport and Highways have notified the specifications of smart card based driving licenses and registration certificates vide notification No. GS.R. 513(E) dated 10-8-2004. Standardized software for the purpose has been developed in consultation with National Informatics Centre (NIC) and made available to all States/Union Territories free of cost. Common specifications of smart card and related peripherals and the software would ensure its inter-operability throughout the country. An MOU had been signed by Department of Road Transport and Highways with NIC at a cost of Rs. 8.90 crores towards development of software, its testing, standardization etc.

Computerization of Transport offices in States/Union Territories is necessary for issuing a Smart Card based driving license/registration certificate. This is, however, to be done by the States/Union Territories themselves. No funds for this purpose have been given to the States by this Department.

Bypasses on National Highways

1559. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased tO state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to construct bypasses on National Highways in various parts of the country to ease traffic congestion;

(b) if so, the details of proposals being discussed for construction of bypasses. State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds earmarked for each bypass project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals for constmction of Calicut bypass on NH-17 in Kerala, Akola bypass on NH-6 in Maharashtra and Dalkola bypass on NH-34 in

West Bengal have been provided in the Annual Plan 2004-05. There is a proposal of Rewa bypass on NH-7 in Madhya Pradesh to be taken up on Built Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis. In addition there are proposals for construclion of bypasses under National Highways Development Project (NHOP) the State wise details are given in the Statement (see below).

(c) The funds for development of National Highways are allocated State-wise and not project-wise.

Statement

Bypasses on National Highways

State-Afise details of proposals for constniction of bypasses under National Highways Development Project (NHDP)

SI. No	State	Name of the town/City/to be bypassed	NHNo.
1.	Assam	Nagaon	37&36
2.	Gujarat	Ranavav Upleta Rajkot (2-lane to 4-lane of existing bypass)	8B
3.	Jamniu & Kashmir	Udhampur Nag rota Jammu Pathankot	1A
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior Sagar Kareli Lakhnadone Seoni Shivpuri Karera	3&75 26 7 25
5.	Maharashtra	Mansar-Kamptee Nagpur	6&7 7

6. Rajasthan	Chittorgarfi	76 and 79
	Pindwara	
	Jaswaritgarti	
	Gogunda	
	Udaipur	
	Chittorgarti	
	Bassi	
	Balwant Nagar	
	Budhpura	76
	Dhaneshwar	
	Kota	
	Anta	
	Baran	
	Kishanganj	
	Kelwara	
	Samarania, Feradua & Geradate	
	Dholpur	3
7. Tamil Nadu	Chennai bypass (Phase-ll)	4&5
	4-laning of Chennai Bypass (Phase-I)	45&4
	Tinidivanam	
	Villupuram	
	Uiundurpet	45
	Samayapuram	
	Trichirappalli	
	Viralimalai	
	Thuvarankurichi	
	Kottampatti	45B
	Melur	
	Othakadal	
8. Uttar Pradesh	Ram Snehi Ghat	
	Barabanki	
	Ayodhya	28
	Gorakhpur	
	Jhansi	
	Chirgaon	
	Kargawan/Semari	
	Moth	25

Poonch	
Orai	
Agra	3
Jhansi	25&26
Lalitpur	26

Connecting NH-34 with **Koilcata Port**

1560. SHRI TARINI KANTAROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPINQ ROAD TRAN SPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has already been made by NHAI for connecting NH-34 with Kolkata Port; and

(b) whether Government would consider to include this Scheme in Port connectivity Programme of NHDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Consultancy work for development of adequate road connectivity to Kolkata Port has boen awarded. It is premature to indicate inclusion or otherwise of the project in Port connectivity Programme under NHDP.

Central road fund for Uttar Pradesh

†1561. PROF M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the riumber of proposals sent by Government of Uttar Pradesh for assistamce under Central Road Fund during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05;and

(b) the amount of assistance provided to the State during this period?

THE MIIMISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI *K,* H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Total 45 number of CRF proposals amounting to Rs. 512.73 Cr. were sent by the State Gov€irnment of Uttar Pradesh for assistance under Central Road Fund during 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

† Original notice of ttie question was received in l-iindi.